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This paper is in response to the final Office Action mailed July 26, 2005. A Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is filed concurrently with this paper.

The Applicants request reconsideration and further examination of the subject application in view of the following:

**Amendments to the Specification** beginning on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** beginning on page 8 of this paper and including the attached replacement sheet.

**Remarks** beginning on page 9 of this paper.

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